

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John Chen ✓  
Application No.: 09/689139 ✓  
Filed: October 12, 2000 ✓  
For: MOISTURE CROSS LINKABLE BALLOON MATERIALS  
Examiner: Sandra M. Nolan ✓  
Group Art Unit: 1772 ✓

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: S63.2B-9178-US

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2002.

In the Claims

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Please cancel claim 31 without prejudice.

*Remarks*

Claim 31 has been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute this claim in a divisional application.

*New Rejections**35 U.S.C. §103(a)*

Claims 1-4, 8-13 and 15-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fritz et al. in view of Wang et al. as applied in paper no. 3. The Office Action asserts that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that the

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